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) COMPOSITES
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) Examiner: Frederick J. Parker
) Group Art Unit 1762

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Sir:

Please find the following enclosed for filing:

1. Amendment After Final Action; and
2. Return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed January 27, 2003 in connection with the above-designated application, as the amendment is being filed within two months of the mailing of the final Office Action. Applicant looks forward to timely receipt of an Advisory Action in the event the application is not passed to allowance as amended hereinbelow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

sub 1, >
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1. (Amended) A method for producing a polymer-particle composite comprising a step of forming a polymer-containing layer mainly forming of a polymeric material and a step of bringing a particle suspension containing the particle dispersed in a solvent capable of swelling the polymeric material into contact with the polymer-containing layer, to make the particle to be packed in the polymeric material.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested under 37 CFR § 1.116 because it places the application in condition for immediate allowance, or, in the alternative, presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal.